

Church News.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Having just returned from a tour of several weeks preaching in Perry and Hocking counties Ohio, where I had been called with a view to have me take charge of the work there as pastor. I will now give a short account of my trip and other information that may be edifying and instructive to the readers or the EVANGELIST.

Owing to the very busy season of the year, and a not too well arranged plan for the meetings, the preaching was done more to instruct and encourage the brethren, than to do regular revival work. We had interesting and encouraging meetings. Our last service was held in Bremen in the Methodist church, seven miles from our church; we have a few very good members living in and near that town, who were anxious for the meeting.

During all my meetings, I was impressed with the eager, earnest manner in which the listeners received the word of truth. It does one good to preach to congregations that are hungering and thirsting for the bread and water of life.

Elders Hendrix and Palmer, the resident ministers, feel that they need help and that a change would be good. The congregation would hire a pastor if they could secure a suitable one. They tried hard to prevail on me to take the work, but I can not consistently leave Indiana at this time, my present engagements are such that I can not get away, except to hold a few weeks' meeting at a time.

I wish some good minister could be induced to accept the work down there. They need a man that has had experience in church work, sound in the faith, and ability to take hold and push the work. There is plenty of work to do there, and an energetic, consecrated minister can do a good work for the Lord in that part of the state. The brethren are sociable, warm hearted and appreciative. I enjoyed my stay with them very much.

It so happened that Elder Bowser from the Miami Valley, who preaches for the German Baptists there, came to fill his appointments last Sunday, their church being close to ours, I changed my appointment from 10 A. M. to 2 P. M. We went to hear Brother Bowser in the morning and took part in the closing exercises. Then I invited them to come to our afternoon meeting. Brother Bowser and several of his members came, and he took part in our opening service. He is a genial, good brother and a good preacher. Our enjoyment was mutual in both services and we all felt better for having at-

tended each others meetings. I wish we could do this everywhere, it would bring about a better and more brotherly feeling among us.

But from our interview with Brother Bowser, we learned somethings that made me feel sad. He told me of the recent death of Eld. H. D. Davy, Jacob Holler, and Samuel Hoover, Dunkard ministers with whom I was well acquainted in the Miami Valley, but had not heard of their death. The latter, Brother Hoover, of the Hoover and Ganes Nursery firm fell dead in the pulpit.

But the saddest of all was the death and double funeral of brother M. C. Kimmel and his aged mother. They were among my warmest and most valued friends in the Brethren church at Bear Creek Ohio. About 14 years ago I baptized Brother Michael and his noble wife, and about sixty others. This was during my first meetings held in the vicinity of Dayton. It was mainly through and his mother's encouragement and help that I was induced to leave W. Virginia, and locate in the Miami Valley.

And when the division in the church came, Brother Mike, his wife and mother, were charter members of the first Progressive organization we affected in the Miami Valley. I preached for his—the Bear Creek church—most of the time during the eight years I lived there. And in 1889, when I resigned my charge at Bear Creek, Brother Kimmel signed my church letter, but said: "I would not sign this letter if that would be the means of keeping you another year." But they are gone to join the spirits of just men made perfect. We can't bring them back if we would, and would not if we could. But by the grace of God we can meet them in the kingdom of glory. This I will try to do. Oh, that will be a grand reunion. I hope none of us will be absent.

Elkhart, Ind. J. A. RIDENOUR.

OUR INDIANA TRIP.

Wife and I left for Hagerstown, Ind., via. Louisville. Kentucky. We had a few meetings with the Brethren at Oakville, Ind. They have a nice church edifice to worship in, the only church house in town. The church seems to be alive to the cause. The Conservatives at Buck Creek made two appointments for me in their house, for which I commend them very highly. It was rather unexpected. But so mote it be. We returned home Oct. 5. Praise the Lord for his goodness. Yours in the hope of eternal life.

H. E. FAIDLEY.

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JESUS is the world's greatest teacher.

THE BRETHREN CHURCH.

This congregation has, since their first organization in Milledgeville in 1889, enjoyed a continued growth in membership, and a great degree of prosperity in each department of its work. It now reports a membership of about two hundred twenty-five, of which about fifty were added the past year.

They maintain two regular services each Sunday, besides Sunday-school and young peoples' meetings, all of which are well attended, and seem to indicate a deep interest, and an enthusiasm worthy of the cause.

The following may be mentioned as important auxiliaries: "The Sisters' Society of Christian Endeavor" and "The King's Children Society," both of which are well organized and are doing good and efficient work.

The S. S. C. E. have been mainly instrumental in building the new parsonage which was erected a year ago last summer and which beautifully exemplifies a commendable zeal and enterprise on their part. And aside from this, they in their relation to the national organization, of which they are a part, contribute handsomely toward the support of a theological department in the university of Ashland, Ohio.

The King's Children Society is an organization for Christian and benevolent work, with both religious and literary features. This society numbers about fifty or sixty members, besides the junior class which of itself, is not a small factor in the work of the society, and has a membership of about fifty, under fourteen years of age.

The King's Children society has regular devotional services each Sunday evening, and literary entertainments once a month, which are held on Monday evenings. All of its services are well attended. They have recently caused a new baptistry to be placed in the church at their own expense.

The Sunday-school reports an average attendance for the past year of one hundred five, and is at present in a thrifty conditions with an able staff of officers and teachers under the superintendence of Miss Ellen Gnagey, who is well qualified for the work.

The present pastor, Rev. J. O. Talley, was called from Colorado, his former home, to assume the oversight of this church in the autumn of 1892. At that time he moved to Milledgeville with his family, and succeeded the Rev. S. H. Bashor in the pastorate.

The continued growth and present condition of the church would indicate that his labors have been abundantly blessed and are fruitful of good results.—*Milledgeville Free Press.*